

# BARRE DAILY TIMES

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The average daily circulation of the Barre Daily Times for the week ending Saturday was

**3,245**

copies, the largest paid circulation of any daily paper in this section.

And in the general good cheer the letter carriers were not forgotten.

The town of Richford has lost a \$27,000 hotel. Barre couldn't lose many at that price—it hasn't any.

At last, it's here—sufficient snow to be called snow. In this respect Vermont now takes its place with Massachusetts.

Barre hasn't many poor families, those that may be considered really poor, but what there are appear to have been well provided for.

We are encouraged to believe that Montpelier is growing better because of the fact that there were fewer arrests this year than the year previous.

## GRANTING CHRISTMAS PARDONS.

A mild protest has been raised because Gov. Bell granted pardons to three men as Christmas presents; but there is little cause for criticism. The practice of granting pardons by chief executives at this period, when good cheer is supposed to reign, is long-established and Vermont is not the only state in the union to follow up the idea. Each year at Christmas time the governor selects a few of the most meritorious of the inmates of the penal institutions and grants them pardons, the most of which are conditional on good behavior. While opposed to the thoughtless liberation of prisoners, on the request of their friends simply and for no reason of merit on the part of the prisoners themselves, we confess that these Christmas pardons, judiciously given out, are well made. In the practice lies a strong agency towards the discipline of the inmates of our penal institutions. There is to the persons serving sentences for various misdemeanors, a certain and powerful incentive to good behavior, for they realize that with the coming of the Christmas season someone is to be made glad with release from the imprisonment. The prisoners know that their conduct is closely watched by the officials and that their chances for pardon are dependent upon their deportment. So there is the spur to good behavior. And the result in promoting the discipline of the institutions is considerable.

In granting three pardons recently, Gov. Bell has followed a very conservative course. None of the three was sentenced for an offense more serious than burglary, and two of them, Thomas Lambert and George Kaley, who were released Saturday, had nearly completed their terms. Thus it will be seen that the governor has not made a wild move in pardoning these three men. Probably no person in the places from which they were sentenced could raise any great objection to his action and probably would not. We have no doubt that Gov. Bell acted advisedly in the matter, lest he lay himself liable to the criticism that was his predecessor's. And in this connection, it is interesting to note that while Gov. Bell granted three pardons, the governor of Texas granted 27, a large number to persons serving long sentences and some for committing murder.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

What the Press of the State and Country is Talking About.

We have no extended comment to make on the record of the late legislature, but we will say in brief that while it was not so good as we hoped, it was better than we expected.—Lyndonville Journal.

It is announced that State Senator Joseph W. Fowler, of Manchester, will be a candidate for auditor of accounts in 1906. He would no doubt make a good officer but we agree with the St. Albans Messenger when it says that it will be time enough to talk about Auditor Graham's successor when we are quite certain it is time to succeed him.—St. Johnsbury Republican.

The Vermont legislature monkeyed with the fish and game laws and left them in such a way that the farmers cannot control the brooks running through their own lands without expensive restocking each year. New Hampshire laws may need a little change but it is well to look after the law makers to see that no such fool measure is passed in this state.—Franklin, N. H., Transcript.

The ravages of fire at Passumpsic Monday brings into the market a water power that could be used for an electric light plant for the village of St. Johnsbury, and our municipality now has a chance



St. Nick has departed and, as usual, he left a few things on our hands. Now if you know of any man or boy who was not treated quite right at Christmas, here is a chance, at a reduced price, to buy him a New Year's present.

Balance \$1.00 Neckwear at 50c each.

Odd piece 50c Neckwear at 25c each.

Nine House Coats at one-third off regular price.

Five Bath Robes at one-third off regular price.

\$2.00 Night Robes at \$1.50 each.

WE CLEAN, PRESS AND REPAIR CLOTHING.



174 Main Street, Barre, Vt.

to consider this question in all its bearings. There has been a growing sentiment in the last few years in favor of municipal lighting, and with the excellent showing made by other towns and cities that own their plants it is well worth our while to seriously consider what is the best thing for St. Johnsbury. There are many phases to this important question and The Caledonian would be glad to present them and to hear from our readers on the subject of municipal lighting.—St. Johnsbury Caledonian.

## A HAPPY ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gosselin of Burlington Have Been Married 50 Years.

Burlington, Dec. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gosselin of this city celebrated their golden wedding anniversary yesterday with a reception at their home on Archibald street. Beginning at three o'clock a steady stream of visitors called at the home and extended the warmest congratulations to the couple and wished them the utmost happiness. There were nine children and thirteen grandchildren at the meeting besides a house full of other relatives, neighbors and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Gosselin were married in this city fifty years ago in the French Catholic church long since demolished. Father Gauvin was the officiating priest, Miss Rixie Lafleur was the blushing bride and the bridesmaid was her sister Phoebe, now married and living in Iowa; Mr. Gosselin's brother, since deceased, was the best man. The groom was born in Cote Landing, Canada, in September of 1832, and his wife was born in Vercher, Can., 63 years ago. Both are in the best of health and are strong and vigorous. Mr. Gosselin came to Shelburne when a young man and engaged as wheelwright, following that trade the greater part of his life. He has resided here 33 years and is now conducting a furniture store with success. They were pleasantly remembered with a number of gold pieces and other gifts. There was music and choice refreshments during the afternoon and evening and everybody had a royal time. Every one of the nine children was present.

## JINGLES AND JESTS.

**Just a Gentle Poke.**  
Miss Plane—I think it's a very good portrait of me. Don't you think it would be nice to have it enlarged?  
Miss Pert—Yes, dear, if you could only have the mouth and ears reduced at the same time.—Catholic Standard and Times.

**Why She Objected.**  
"I swear by you tall elm in the park," he began, but she shut him off. "Swear not by it," she said imploringly.

"Why not?"  
"Because it is a slippery elm," she answered knowingly.—Chicago News.

**Grown Up.**  
Little Boy Blue, who once blew his horn. To see that the cattle kept out of the corn.  
Now runs a 'mobile, and he makes it go swift.  
And he don't blow his horn till he gives you a lift.  
—Houston Post.

## The Number the Victim Saw.



## TALK OF THE TOWN.

Erza White is confined to the house with illness.

G. A. Wilkinson went to Boston Saturday night on business.

James Jack of Boston is visiting at his home here for a week.

William A. Milne went to Brattleboro this afternoon for a week's visit.

Robert Cruickshank is visiting at his home in this city for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Laviolette have gone to West Burke to visit their son, Dr. Laviolette.

N. E. Gillespie returned to Boston on Monday at noon, having been here to attend the funeral of their brother, William T. Gillespie.

With today's Times goes a copy of all the general laws adopted at the last session of the legislature, including the amended liquor law.

The local carriers desire to express their thanks to the many friends who have so kindly remembered them during the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Smith of Calais came to Barre Saturday to pass Christmas with R. L. Clark. They returned home yesterday.

William McCaskill of Keith, P. Q., and D. H. McCaskill of Brookline, Mass., are visiting their brother, Alex, and other friends in this city.

Dr. C. F. Camp returned Saturday night from New York, where he has been for the past two months taking a special study in ear and throat diseases.

Yesterday was the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Drew of Montpelier. The event was celebrated in a quiet way by a family dinner.

Mrs. W. S. Davis, who has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Robins, returned to her home in White River Junction this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hopkins, who have been visiting relatives in this city and Williamstown over Christmas, returned to their home in Newport yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ford and Master Lester Ford of Cabot, Dr. Goodale and family of Montpelier, and Fred Fisher and family were Christmas guests at R. L. Clark's.

The employees and tenants of Arthur S. Martin, the well-known wood dealer, were remembered by him yesterday with Christmas presents of a turkey, load of wood or part of a week's wages.

A special review of the L. O. T. M. is called for tomorrow, Dec. 28, at 2:30 p. m., for accepting and balloting on applications and any other necessary business. Per order of the Commander.

There will be a party and dance for the children whose birth days come in October, November and December, in Scamplin's hall Monday evening, Jan. 2, from 7:30 to 11 o'clock. Only children whose mothers are members of the I. M. M. A. are invited, with their parents. Refreshments will be served. Music by Mr. and Mrs. Elmore.

The annual roll call and business meeting of the Barre Baptist church will be held in the church auditorium Monday January 2, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The reports of officers and committees will be given and officers and members will be given the annual report. Supper will be served by the Ladies' Aid society. The installation of the officers will be followed by a prayer service.

**The Capitol Dome.**  
The capitol building at Washington has the only really large dome of iron in the world. It is a vast hollow sphere weighing 8,000,000 pounds.

**One Thing at a Time.**  
Banish the habit of attending to two things at one time, for you know that "he who follows two hares is sure to catch neither." Know what you are going to do and remember to do it well.

**Left Handed People.**  
No purely left handed race has yet been discovered, although it is said that fully 70 per cent of the inhabitants of the Punjab use the left hand in preference to the right. The next greatest per cent of left handedness is among the Hottentots of Africa and the bushmen of Australia, about 55 per cent.

**Ripe Bananas.**  
In their native countries bananas are seldom eaten before the skin is discolored and the pulp is of so soft a consistency that it can be scooped out with a spoon.

**Battleships.**  
Naval experts put down the active life of a modern battleship at about fifteen years. A hundred years ago battleships lasted almost six times as long and were on active service nearly the whole time of their commission.

**Fijian Fossil Coral.**  
The Fijian fossil coral is the best building stone in the world. Soft as cheese when first cut, it hardens in the air to the consistency of granite.

**Wedded to Dead Animals.**  
A curious custom obtains among the Coorgs of India. When one of them kills a tiger or a panther he is married to the dead animal, regardless of its sex. Propped upon a framework of wood or bamboo, the animal is carried in procession, and the marriage ritual is strictly observed, while lavish hospitality is dispensed.

**How to Walk.**  
A bad figure and a poor carriage are often due to laziness. Walk with the shoulders back, the chest elevated and the hips back if a good carriage is desired.

**Corks.**  
The best corks come from Algeria. There are 2,500,000 acres of cork forests in that country.

## NORTHFIELD.

Elmer Scott, who has been working on the chain gang of the E. B. Ellis plant for the last year, is home suffering from blood poison. Mr. Scott had the misfortune to jam his finger last summer and it is thought that the wound was not properly dressed and it has now developed into a very serious case. It is feared that the whole arm will have to be amputated to save his life.

There was a Christmas tree and appropriate exercises at the town farm last night under the direction of Miss Addie Cobleigh. Each of the inmates received presents from many who kindly donated for the tree. After the presents were distributed the Rev. E. W. Sharp gave a very interesting address.

H. I. Cutting is home from Potsdam, N. Y., to spend the holidays. Mr. Cutting bought a very large tract of land in northern New York intending to do an extensive lumber business. He has discovered very valuable springs on his land and is now doing a large bottling business. The water has been analyzed by chemists and found to be the purest water in the world yet discovered. The spring is capable of supplying 2,000 gallons daily and after three months Mr. Cutting is unable to fill orders.

## Grafton Young Man's Prize.

In the awarding of prizes made by the Black Cat in that magazine's latest story contest, the name of Chapin Howard of Grafton, Vt., is noticed as the winner of \$250. Just in good season for Christmas cheer the fortunate one received checks aggregating over \$12,500. The expense of conducting the contest, which opened June 1 and closed October 13, reached nearly \$20,000. Mr. Howard is a young man, a little over 21 years old and though born in Meriden, Conn., comes of good old Vermont stock, both his parents being natives of Windham county. His stories have been accepted before this in different publications and his future literary success will be watched with interest.

## Deaf Woman Killed on Track.

Mrs. A. French, 73 years old, of South Charlestown, N. H., was struck and instantly killed on a crossing near Bow-en's mill by the north bound through freight on the Boston & Maine railroad Friday afternoon. Mrs. French, who is deaf, did not hear and apparently did not see the approaching train and attempted to cross the track, was hit by the cylinder head of the engine and killed. Section Boss Dorsey, at work near by, grasped the woman by the arm but lost his hold. Mrs. French is survived by a husband, who is blind.

## GRANITEVILLE.

Last evening the C. O. F. cribbage team defeated the M. W. of A. by 161 points. The latter and the F. of A. play Wednesday evening and the F. of A. and C. O. F. Thursday evening.

## Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank all our friends who so kindly assisted us in our hours of bereavement, also for the floral tributes and especially the neighbors who were so good to us and the children.

N. E. and A. C. Gillespie.  
Mrs. W. T. Gillespie.  
George W. Lee.

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# New Year's Suggestions!

Christmas has come and gone, but we still have a good line from which to select gifts for the New Year. We can still help you out of the following:

Handkerchiefs, Linens,  
Neckwear, Back Combs,  
Side Combs, Comb Sets,  
Bags, Umbrellas.

Gloves and Mittens,

Aprons, Waistings,

Dress Goods, Silks,

Shawls, Waists, Furs, Cloaks,

Bed Comforters,  
Wrapper Blankets,  
Bed Blankets,  
Shetland Pillow Sets,  
Towels, Tray Cloths,  
Lunch Cloths, Napkins,  
Damask, Art Goods,  
Ladies' Muslin Underwear, etc.

The Perley E. Pope Co.,

(Taplin's Old Store)

Corner Main and State Streets, - - Montpelier, Vermont.

# Men's Night Robes!

Did you get one Christmas? If not, step in and see our FLANNEL and COTTON ROBES at 50c and \$1.00 each and you are sure to buy one.

MOORE & OWENS,

122 North Main St., Barre, Vermont.

# Safety Deposit Vaults

Protect your valuables from burglars and fire. Think of the great loss if your papers are burned or stolen, then of the small rent for one of our Safety Deposit Boxes — a full year for only

**\$3**

The People's Nat'l Bank.

# OUR SALE OF SHOES AND RUBBERS WILL END THIS WEEK.

During the remaining few days you can save money by purchasing here. We have a few lines of Shoes which must be sold before January 1st.

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